GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4136
ANSWERED ON:25.08.2004
INDIAN INSTITUTE OF BIO-TECHNOLOGY
Thakkar Smt. Jayaben B.

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gujarat Government had written two letters viz., on January 29, 2003 and April 10, 2003 to the Union Government to establish an Indian Institute of Bio-Technology on the lines of IIM, IIT and IIIT at Gandhinagar, Gujarat; and

(b) if so, the action taken/proposed to be taken on these letters?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE && TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) The letter dated January 29, 2003 regarding the proposed Indian Institute of Bio-Technology has been received from Hon`ble Chief Minister of Gujarat whereas the letter dated April 10, 2003 is not from the Government of Gujarat but is the reply from the then Hon`ble Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology to Hon`ble Chief Minister, Gujarat.

(b) The then Hon`ble Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology in his reply had requested the State Government to organize a meeting between the officials and experts of the State Government and the Centre. This was again reiterated in the letter from the then Hon`ble Minister for Human Resource Development and Science & Technology in his second letter dated 20th February, 2004. Since then, there has been no response from the Government of Gujarat.